

THE GIRLS OF IRELAND

PLAYBOY'S BOOK OF

LINGÉRIE

MARCH/APRIL 2001

WWW.PLAYBOYSE.COM

COVER GIRL

> MELISSA ARKOLD

 \$6.95

Canada \$7.95

U.K. £4.50

France Fr 40

Germany DM 25.00

38581 031

DISPLAY UNTIL APRIL 16, 2001



PLAYBOY'S BOOK OF

LINGERIE



PLAYBOY
SPECIAL ♡ EDITIONS



Melissa Arnold











Jodi Ann Paterson





Jodie Shaw







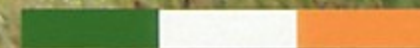


From Dublin, Tipperary, County Cork and Belfast—
a sexy assemblage of radiant Irish women,
filled with national pride and exuberant spirit.

girls of ireland



ALTHOUGH THE ROLLING, VERDANT farmlands give Ireland its richly deserved nickname, the country can also be fairly described as a typographic chameleon—lush and green in one direction, hilly and rocky in another, boggy and sandy in yet another. And like the landscape, Ireland's women don't always fit the red-haired, green-eyed, freckle-faced stereotype. Our staff spent weeks interviewing and photographing dozens of the Emerald Isle's prettiest young women, and while the classic Irish look was well represented, the results on these pages will convince you that Irish women are as diverse and breathtaking as the ever-changing scenery.





SHARON REILLY

Growing up in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Sharon says she was "a good kid—alert, active, energetic and loved the outdoors. I was the oldest of seven children." Today she's studying to become a research scientist. She's never been to the U.S., but if and when she makes it she wants to be in New York City at Christmastime. Vital stats: 5'4", 7½ stone (105 lbs.), 32-24-34.





CATHERINE KENNEDY

A happy childhood in Dublin and an outgoing personality gave this 28-year-old hopeful actress the confidence to try out for Playboy. "I love the camera. I feel that I can forget about the real world and lose myself in front of it." Her ideal man should be honest, funny and possess a belief in himself and in her. "If a man doesn't trust me, I can't trust him. Arrogance and a lack of respect for people are big turnoffs." Best recipes: Dressed crab and Irish stew. Favorite movie: *My Fair Lady*. Personal heroes: Mom and dad. Vital stats: 5'5", 8 stone (112 lbs.), 34-24-36.







VIRGINIA THOMAS

What's the best thing about being Irish? "Coming from a beautiful country with such friendly people." What's the difference between Irish women and American women? "There's less pressure to be cosmetically perfect in Ireland." What's the difference between Irish men and American men? "The amount of Guinness they drink." A graphic designer by training, Virginia (left) hopes to set up her own design company. Vital stats: 5'8", 9 stone (126 lbs.), 33-25-34.

SHARON TREACY

An accounts administrator from Dublin, Sharon decided to take the Playboy leap on a lark. "I did it for fun, just to do something completely different from normal everyday life." An occasional modeling assignment would be fine, but she'll either continue in business or take up body massage. Having never been to the U.S., Sharon would pick Las Vegas as her number-one destination for "all the excitement and bright lights," but she's not sure she'd want to settle permanently into such a hectic lifestyle. Vital stats: 5'6", 8½ stone (119 lbs.), 34-28-34.



ORLA MULLALLY

Tall, athletic and ambitious, Orla thinks her chances of retiring with millions at 50 are pretty good since every member of her family has been successful. In fact, success is one of her turn-ons. Appropriately enough, laziness is a turnoff. She's already self-employed as a sports injury specialist, and keeps active by playing basketball and swimming. Vital stats: 6', 10 stone, 2 lbs. (150 lbs.), 36-28-37.





SINÉAD GALLAGHER

She considers her Playboy exposure to be a "wonderful opportunity and a tremendous confidence-building experience." Her taste in men runs to the strong, rough, rugged sort who's also caring and sensitive. The last thing she wants is a guy who's afraid of his girl and does everything she says. Current occupation? Child-care assistant. Best recipe? Chicken curry. Favorite movie? *Braveheart*. Person hero? Cindy Crawford. Vital stats: 5'4", 8 stone (112 lbs.), 34-26-34.



LAURA McGUINNESS

Current occupation: Office administrator. Hobbies: Yoga, swimming, tennis and reading. Childhood traits: "Cheeky—very cheeky. I got into lots of trouble and I talked too much." Adult traits: "Reliable and very friendly. And I still talk too much." Turn-ons: Dark-skinned, dark-haired men. Turnoffs: Dirty fingernails and white socks with black shoes. Confusing things about men: "Their grumpy humors." Confusing things about women: "Our grumpy humors." What would you change about yourself? "I'm too gullible. I'd believe anything." Favorite movie: *Goodfellas*. Best recipe: "Can't cook." Vital stats: 5'8", 9 stone (126 lbs.), 34-28-34.



CLAIRE MONAHAN

In her second year at University College Dublin, Claire (left and above) is a student of economics, a lover of fashion and a devotee of swimming and tennis. Her dive into modeling was a new experience, but she says her friends and family are very happy for her, and if the opportunity presents itself she'll pursue more of it. She's never been to this country, but based on her friend's descriptions of the scenic beauty of California, that'll be her first stop when she gets here. Her motto? "It's not what you do, it's how you do it." Vital stats: 5'7", 8½ stone (119 lbs.), 34-23-34.



TAMMY MURIAGH

What's the difference between Irish women and American women?

"Not much," Tammy says, "except American women have better tans." She'd love to visit the States, especially Hollywood, "because of all the glamour and money," but she worries that "all the fast food would make me obese." Her career goals are simple: "I want to be the first Irish Playmate and I want to be famous. Full stop!" Her turn-on? "Just about anything." Turnoffs? "Men without trousers." Vital stats: 5'6", 8 stone (112 lbs.), 34-28-34.







AOIFE ROGERS

The best thing about being Irish, she says, is that "you get away with everything and are loved by everybody—at least I hope so!" Her decision to pose for Playboy was based on a very real desire to make it as a model. "Even as a kid I wanted loads of attention and thought I was a famous pop star. Playboy is a great place to start making my dreams come true." How does she think her friends and family will react? "My mother was the one who suggested I try out, and all my friends think it's great." Her hobbies include tae kwon do, clubbing, horseback riding, travelling, shopping and cooking. Vital stats: 5'8", 9% stone (136% lbs.), 34-24-34.



A full-page photograph of Melani Abrandes. She is posed in a dramatic, almost sculptural manner, leaning forward with her back to the camera but her head turned to look over her shoulder. She is wearing a dark, heavy coat with a large hood, a vibrant red scarf, and a dark hat. Her legs are spread wide, and she is wearing black boots. The background is a soft-focus landscape with hills and a body of water under a cloudy sky.

MELANI ABRANDES

A three-month visit to the U.S. left her begging for more. "It's a dream to be in America," she says. What surprised her most? "The huge supermarkets and malls." What surprised her least? "All the nationalities mixing together into such friendly people." Melani currently works as a hotel restaurant supervisor, but if the chance came, she'd love to model and act before settling down and having babies.

GWENDOLYN WILSON

Her decision to appear in Playboy was based at least as much on professional considerations ("I'll get more work if I'm noticed") as on personal ones ("It's different and exciting"). Reaction, she thinks, will be mixed. "My family will be fine, but some Irish people are a little funny about things like this." It'll all be worth it if her lifetime ambition to be onstage and in the spotlight is realized. Vital stats: 5'2", 7 stone (98 lbs.), 32-23-32.



OLIVIA LONGMORE

"I was the boldest, cheekiest kid around and no one was allowed to play with me!" says this Dublin hairdresser. "But I was cute." Still obviously cute, Olivia has grown up into a "chatty, outgoing person. I'm mostly in good form, but sometimes I can be a bit moody." She's always wanted to do some modeling, so she jumped at the chance Playboy offered her. "My mum's a little worried about what the neighbors will think, but everyone else thinks it's deadly." If she could change anything about herself she says she'd like "bigger boobs and green eyes." Vital stats: 5'3", 8 stone (112 lbs.), 32-23-34.

NIAMH COLGAN

The universal female confusion over the male fascination with sports extends to Ireland, where Niamh limits herself to playing the occasional game of badminton and watching an occasional game of football. Her main sources of exercise come from dancing, weight training and aerobics. Favorite perfume? Donna Karan's Cashmere Mist. Favorite movie? *Pulp Fiction*, *Motto*. "If you can't be careful, be good." Vital stats: 5'8", 10 stone (140 lbs.), 34-25-34.



1784





MICHELLE FITZGERALD

This 21-year-old hairdresser-in-training from Tipperary bought into Tinseltown's image of America, so when she visited Orlando a few years ago she was "expecting every woman to be slim and glamorous." Mildly disillusioned but undeterred, Michelle hopes to make a return trip to the U.S. "I've heard so much about Los Angeles that I'd love to go." Expanding on her modeling debut would be great, but "even if my career doesn't go anywhere, I'm delighted to have had the opportunity to try." Vital stats: 5'2", 8 stone (112 lbs.), 32-26-32.



ALICE REGAN

She's still as hyperactive now as she was as a child, she says, but the years have added a measure of confidence.

Managing a nightclub is her way of prepping for the day when she owns her own, and when she isn't overseeing one she's out on the town socializing and dancing in one. Vital stats: 5'8", 8 stone, (112 lbs.), 32-24-33.





Dita Von Teese



Georgina Law



Kelly McDermott





Holly McGuire













Brooke Richards







Rebekah Teasdale

Kerry Roberts







Ava Martinez



Jamie Dix



Harmony Guffey







Jennifer Rovero









Michelle Thorne





Michelle Thorne
& Michelle Barrett







Michelle Barrett



BOOK OF LINGERIE FLASHBACK

JAN/FEB 1989



Those of you who have been longtime Special Edition fans will recognize many of the names and faces that appeared in this book—among them, Pia Reyes, Brandi Brandt, Rebekka Armstrong, Susie Scott, Roberta Vasquez, Pam Stein and our own Cynthia

Kaye. Cover girl and November '83 Playmate Veronica Gamba (featured on this page) continued to model long after her Centerfold appearance, then slowed her career down to care for her young son. If you like what you see in this retrospective glance back, you can order it—along with other back issues—online at www.playboystore.com.

Veronica Gamba





Gwendolyn Hajek





Hope Marie Carlton



Susie Scott



Gina Goldberg



India Allen



Marianne Gravatte



Kelly Marshall



Barbara Edwards



KyMBERLY HERRIN



Luann Lee



Brandee Sky









Natalia Sokolova





Susan Weiss





Katie Day





The Bare Facts



MELISSA ARNOLD Three's the charm for Melissa—this third SE appearance lands her cover honors and bragging rights. This falls right into her life plan, which includes taking a stab at modeling and acting, then settling down with "a great husband and three kids before working part time as a family and relationship psychotherapist." As for finding that great guy, she'll focus on men who "remember that every woman is some other man's little girl." *Byron Newman, 4, 5, 6-7.*

JODI ANN PATERSON A Playmate of the Year's advice to men: "A car does not make you attractive. Not all women are impressed by status and possessions—many even plan on making their own money. So don't brag, don't boast, don't try to grab women and drag them by their hair back to your cave. Be respectful, be nice, be polite and be genuine." Her motto? "Your attitude gets you where you're going. Be appreciative and always give 110 percent." *Mizuno, 8, 9.*

JODIE SHAW Model confession of the month: "I'm a slim, blonde, blue-eyed, laid-back kinda girl—with horrible feet!" (Guess that disqualifies her for *Barefoot Beauties*.) She started out as a "happy, funny, giggly kid" and turned into a pretty nice person—except for her desire "to be a fly on the wall, seeing something no one wanted me to see." On a positive note, her motto is "Smile and be happy, especially within yourself." Vital stats: 5'6", 105 lbs., 34-22-34. *Byron Newman, 10, 11.*

JOVANNA VITIELLO Proudly in the untamed column, Jovanna warns potential suitors that "I'm not one to be played with. I can sniff out a fake a mile away. And a guy might as well understand from the beginning that he'll never be able to understand me. My behavior is normally quite shocking!" Looks don't matter to her. "Personality is more important. A gorgeous man will look like a toad if he's obnoxious." Vital stats: 5'7", 115 lbs., 34-24-35. *Mizuno, 12-13.*

TAMARA NOON "I was quiet until about 12, when I discovered the Sex Pistols. I turned into a bit of a tearaway, I'm afraid!" Her interest in music continues ("Mainly rock—everything from Led Zeppelin to the Doors"), and she's played drums in her brother's band. "I thought I'd love it, but it was terrifying!" Best recipe? Chili con carne. Favorite flick? *Star Wars*. Current car? "I can't drive. I'd rather have a motorbike." Vital stats: 5'4", 114 lbs., 32-24-30. *Byron Newman, 14, 15, 16-17.*

DITA VON TEESE After a move from Michigan to LA when she was 14, Dita was introduced to her first kiss. "I was still playing with dolls, but all the girls out there were so advanced. I decided I needed some experience, so I had an encounter with a boy. It lasted about a week. That first kiss kind of blew me away. I didn't have another boyfriend for a while." *Guido Argentini, 44-45.*

GEORGINA LAW A woman's gotta do what a woman's gotta do: She admits she once stripped to get a guy's attention, but it's not something she'd repeat any time soon. "Yeah, I got his attention, but it wasn't the kind of attention I'd bargained for." Her priorities in men? "Gentle, loving, sensitive, handsome guys who are comfortable with money." *Byron Newman, 46-47.*

KELLY McDERMOTT Turn-ons: "A sexy smile, light eyes, a toned athletic body." Turnoffs: "Drunken men who think they can pull you in with their cheesy chat-up lines." A romantic night in bed includes: "Spending time over your partner's body—stroking and caressing, pleasing each other—then falling asleep naked wrapped around each other." *Byron Newman, 48, 49.*

HOLLY McGUIRE When she was a child her grandmother would describe her as "off with the fairies" for her vivid imagination and daydreaming ways. "I was always reinventing myself as different characters and always making things." That spark is what lights her fashion-design ambitions. "I've always been creative. When I'd go shopping I'd get frustrated that I couldn't find anything I liked, so I decided to make my own clothes. Eventually I'll launch my own clothing label." Vital stats: 5'5", 114 lbs., 32-24-34. *Byron Newman, 50-51, 52, 53.*

BROOKE RICHARDS Model embarrassment of the month: "I actually did what every woman in the world dreads—I walked out of the bathroom with my dress tucked up in the back of my panties! I don't remember what color the dress was, but my face was as red as a beet!" Changing the subject, what trend irks her the most? "That 'talk to the hand' thing." *David Rams, 54, 55.*



REBEKAH TEASDALE Ever since her SE debut in the May/June BOL, fans have been begging for more of this pixie-haired beauty. "It's a little easier for a long-haired woman to give off an aura of sexuality," one fan wrote. "It takes something special for a short-haired woman. Rebekah positively oozes sexuality. She could be bald and still light my fire." *Byron Newman*, 56, 57.

KERRY ROBERTS At only 28, this go-getter spent nine years in the military, already owns her own home and several apartment buildings and is looking to purchase a strip mall. "I like who I am, what I'm doing and where I'm going in life." Athletic as well as ambitious (she scored a perfect 300 on her military fitness test), she likes getting out on her mountain bike or hiking in the Pennsylvania hills. Vital stats: 5'4", 109 lbs., 34-23-34. *Gen Nishino*, 58, 59.

AVA MARTINEZ Born and raised in North Wales ("Catherine Zeta Jones land"), Ava resituated in England to get a degree in photography. As a flight attendant on a corporate jet, she's been able to indulge her passion for scuba diving in exotic waters around the world. *Byron Newman*, 60-61.

JAMIE DIX A 3.65 GPA student on an academic scholarship, Jamie is working toward a degree in marketing and a career as a PR rep. She loves to cook ("I can do wonders with chicken"), plays softball and volleyball, reads Emily Dickinson's poems and "respects anyone who won't give up." Vital stats: 5'9", 135 lbs., 36-24-24. *Andrew Goldman*, 62-63.

HARMONY GUFFEY The big and little versions of Harmony: As a kid she was "adventurous, and tomboyish—I loved to explore caves, ride bikes, play basketball and hang with the boys." All grown up, she's "still adventurous and I like to party. But I also have a serious, business-oriented side." In fact, her goal is to own her own company someday. *George Georgiou*, 64, 65.

JENNIFER ROVERO Good news for all you handsome-challenged men: Jennifer puts a premium on personality and doesn't much care about looks. "My mom said, 'Jennifer, I know you know what a good-looking guy is; you've just never dated one!'" Instead, she checks out a guy's hands, the little things he does and the way he kisses—"those things tell me more than a fake smile and contact-enhanced blue eyes." Vital stats: 5'8", 128 lbs., 34-24-35. *Mizuno*, 66, 67.

MICHELLE THORNE Her taste in men runs to "talented, manly, protective types—a bit of rough-and-ready." She's frustrated by guys who are intimidated by her looks and won't approach her. "I'm not in love with myself and have just as many insecurities as everyone else. I'm very approachable." Vital stats: 5'4", 105 lbs., 32-22-32. *Byron Newman*, 68, 69, 70-71, 72, 73.

MICHELLE BARRETT Her British childhood isn't the stuff of fairy tales. "I was raised in a real bad area of the city, so I'm lucky I got hooked up with good friends because most people around there got into trouble and ended up nowhere. But I was still teased for being skinny and flat-chested. I guess I got the last laugh, though!" *Byron Newman*, 72, 73, 74, 75.

BRANDEE SKY Although pretty satisfied with herself, Brandee wouldn't mind learning to curb her impatience. "It's stupid to get all bent out of shape. There are some things you just have no control over, so why worry?" Vital stats: 5'3", 115 lbs., 34-24-35. *Cynthia Kaye*, 82, 83.

NATALIA SOKOLOVA Coming from a family in which no one had earned less than a Ph.D. gave Russian-born Natalia something to live up to. So far she's obtained a B.S. in international business from the University of Maryland (and is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society), and now aims to get her M.B.A. from UCLA. But she's not a slave to her books. She also enjoys tennis and skiing, cooking, camping and traveling. *Mizuno*, 84, 85, 86-87.

SUSAN WEISS Career goal? To own her own spa for men. Hobbies? Horseback riding, hiking, gardening and man watching. Her ideal man? "Well stocked in every way." Favorite sport? Touch football. Favorite type of film? Erotic. Celebrity role model? Madonna. *Gen Nishino*, 88, 89.

KATIE DAY Men don't especially confuse her. "They're quite a straightforward breed, really—except when they get selfish. I just don't get that." She doesn't usually have to do much to gain their attention, but one time she jumped out of a plane in a bikini to catch one guy's eye. Did it work? "Oh, most definitely!" Vital stats: 5'8", 118 lbs., 35-24-34. *Byron Newman*, 90, 91.





PLAYBOY
SPECIAL EDITIONS